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## VIRGINIA COTTON

Estimated Acreage, Yield, and Production

1928 — 1937

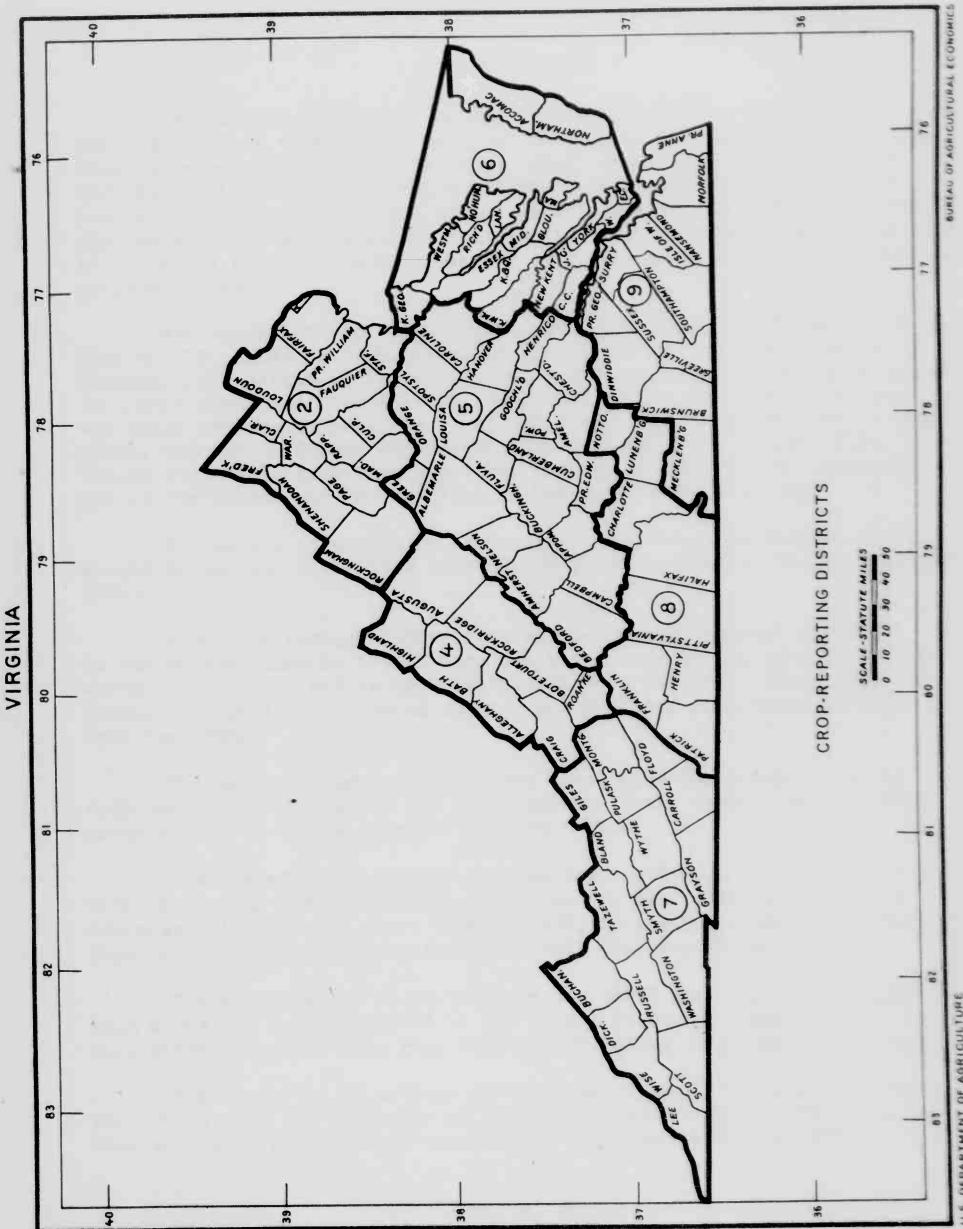
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COTTON PRODUCTION IN VIRGINIA, 1928-1937

- By Counties -

The acreage planted to cotton in Virginia during the past ten years has varied from 92,000 acres in 1930 to 53,000 acres in 1935. The small acreage in 1935 resulted from acreage reductions under contract with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and from unfavorable weather conditions during the season, which resulted in such a poor stand that much cotton was plowed up and planted to other crops. Approximately 10,000 acres of cotton were plowed up under the terms of the first cotton program in 1933.

The yield per acre during this period ranged from 230 pounds in 1932 to 313 pounds in 1931. Weather conditions during 1932 were unfavorable for cotton as the early season was dry and cool, which resulted in a poor stand and a slow start. Rainfall during the growing season was below average so that the plants were small and had fewer bolls than usual, and weevil damage was the heaviest on record up to that time. Yields since 1932 have been above the 10-year average due to increased use of fertilizer and the planting of the more fertile fields.

Production of cotton is expressed in 500 pound equivalent gross weight bales, and has varied from 48,000 bales in 1928 to 33,000 bales in 1936.

From 1930 through 1933 cotton acreage increased more rapidly in the western than in the eastern counties, because low prices of flue-cured tobacco made cotton more profitable than tobacco. Since 1933 the cotton acreage in the tobacco section has declined as tobacco prices have improved.

The estimates of production are based upon the ginnings within each county as reported to the U. S. Bureau of the Census, with adjustments for cross-county movement of seed cotton.

The estimates of acreage planted are based upon the Censuses of 1925, 1930, and 1935, available data from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for the years 1933 to 1937, inclusive, current reports from crop reporters, and measurements with the crop meter.

The estimates of yield per acre are based upon yields computed from acres and bales reported to the Census Bureau in Census years, and upon current reports from crop reporters relating to yield in that year.

The estimates of acreage planted and of yield per acre were then reconciled with the estimates of production in such manner that a consistent series of estimates of acreage and yield per acre resulted.

Henry M. Taylor,  
Agricultural Statistician.

## VIRGINIA COTTON: PLANTED ACREAGE, PLANTED YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

1928

1929

District and county	Acreage in cultivation July 1			Acreage in cultivation July 1			
	Acres	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	Acres	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	
	Acres	Pounds	Bales		Acres	Pounds	Bales
DISTRICT V							
Amelia	1/						
Chesterfield	1/						
Prince Edward	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT VI							
Middlesex	1/						
New Kent	1/						
Northampton	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT VIII							
Charlotte	1/						
Halifax	1/						
Lunenburg	1/						
Nottoway	1/						
Pittsylvania	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT IX							
Brunswick	11,500	250	6,010	12,100	241	6,040	
Dinwiddie	1,190	278	690	1,790	271	1,010	
Greensville	13,500	292	8,250	13,100	290	7,860	
Isle of Wight	1/						
Mecklenburg	12,100	270	6,820	13,800	269	7,680	
Nansemond	9,400	320	6,280	11,500	292	7,200	
Norfolk	1,620	300	1,020	2,340	282	1,370	
Prince George	1/						
Princess Anne	1/						
Southampton	19,000	318	12,630	19,300	289	11,570	
Surry	1/						
Sussex	4,360	257	2,340	5,300	253	2,780	
Total	72,670	290	44,040	79,630	276	45,510	
ALL OTHER	6,330	299	3,960	9,370	282	5,490	
STATE	79,000	291	48,000	89,000	276	51,000	

1/ Included in "All Other", but not in district totals.

## VIRGINIA COTTON: PLANTED ACREAGE, PLANTED YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

1930

1931

District and county	Acreage in cultivation July 1			Acreage in cultivation July 1			
	Acres	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	Acres	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	
	Acres	Pounds	Bales		Acres	Pounds	Bales
DISTRICT V							
Amelia	1/						
Chesterfield	1/						
Prince Edward	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT VI							
Middlesex	1/						
New Kent	1/						
Northampton	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT VIII							
Charlotte	1/						
Halifax	1/						
Lunenburg	1/						
Nottoway	1/						
Pittsylvania	1/						
Total							
DISTRICT IX							
Brunswick	13,100	205	5,640	12,500	260	6,750	
Dinwiddie	1,850	235	910	1,400	310	900	
Greensville	16,000	234	7,850	13,300	316	8,710	
Isle of Wight	1/						
Mecklenburg	11,800	219	5,420	13,000	270	7,270	
Nansemond	13,400	256	7,200	7,800	373	6,040	
Norfolk	2,200	262	1,210	1,160	350	840	
Prince George	1/						
Princess Anne	1/						
Southampton	20,200	264	11,190	11,700	374	9,090	
Surry	1/						
Sussex	5,750	222	2,670	4,450	289	2,660	
Total	84,300	238	42,090	65,310	312	42,260	
ALL OTHERS	7,700	242	3,910	5,690	317	3,740	
STATE	92,000	238	46,000	71,000	313	46,000	

1/ Included in "All Other", but not in district totals.

## VIRGINIA COTTON: PLANTED ACREAGE, PLANTED YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

1932

1933

District and county	1932			1933		
	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales
	Acres	Pounds	Bales	Acres	Pounds	Bales
<b>DISTRICT V</b>						
Amelia	2/					
Chesterfield	2/					
Prince Edward	2/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VI</b>						
Middlesex	2/					
New Kent	2/					
Northampton	2/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VIII</b>						
Charlotte	2/					
Halifax	2/					
Lunenburg	2/					
Nottoway	2/					
Pittsylvania	2/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT IX</b>						
Brunswick	11,000	210	4,800	12,100	236	4,970
Dinwiddie	1,270	242	640	1,880	255	940
Greenville	11,600	235	5,670	11,700	290	6,020
Isle of Wight	2/	-	-	-	-	-
Mecklenburg	15,400	200	6,430	14,000	273	7,180
Hansemond	8,080	266	4,480	8,400	296	4,510
Norfolk	1,200	249	620	1,110	277	570
Prince George	2/	-	-	-	-	-
Princess Anne	2/	-	-	-	-	-
Southampton	11,200	264	6,170	12,900	300	6,520
Surry	2/	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	4,660	214	2,080	5,250	266	2,500
Total	64,410	230	30,890	67,340	276	33,210
ALL OTHERS	6,590	226	3,110	7,660	264	3,790
STATE	71,000	230	34,000	75,000	275	37,000

1/ Based on planted acres less acres removed in 1933 reduction program.  
2/ Included in "All Other", but not in district totals.

## VIRGINIA COTTON: PLANTED ACREAGE, PLANTED YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

1934

1935

District and county	1934			1935		
	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales
	Acres	Pounds	Bales	Acres	Pounds	Bales
<b>DISTRICT V</b>						
Amelia	1/					
Chesterfield	1/					
Prince Edward	1/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VI</b>						
Middlesex	1/					
New Kent	1/					
Northampton	1/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VIII</b>						
Charlotte	1/					
Halifax	1/					
Lunenburg	1/					
Nottoway	1/					
Pittsylvania	1/					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT IX</b>						
Brunswick	9,200	265	5,110	8,000	252	4,260
Dinwiddie	1,410	238	700	1,250	250	660
Greenville	8,880	338	6,250	8,380	279	4,930
Isle of Wight	1/	-	-	-	-	-
Mecklenburg	10,200	274	5,870	7,740	254	4,150
Hansemond	5,630	328	3,870	6,250	292	3,880
Norfolk	1,040	396	860	1,360	286	820
Prince George	1/	-	-	-	-	-
Princess Anne	2/	-	-	-	-	-
Southampton	11,500	310	7,470	11,300	280	6,680
Surry	1/	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	3,650	273	2,090	3,250	239	1,640
Total	51,510	299	32,220	47,530	269	27,000
ALL OTHERS	6,490	278	3,780	5,470	260	3,000
STATE	58,000	296	36,000	53,000	268	30,000

1/ Included in "All Other", but not in district totals.

## VIRGINIA COTTON: PLANTED ACREAGE, PLANTED YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

1936

1937  
Preliminary

District and county	1936			1937			
	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	Acreage in cultivation July 1	Yield per planted acre	Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales	
	Acres	Pounds	Bales		Acres	Pounds	Bales
<u>DISTRICT V</u>							
Amelia	1/						
Chesterfield	1/						
Prince Edward	1/						
Total							
<u>DISTRICT VI</u>							
Middlesex	1/						
New Kent	1/						
Northhampton	1/						
Total							
<u>DISTRICT VIII</u>							
Charlotte	1/						
Halifax	1/						
Lunenburg	1/						
Nottoway	1/						
Pittsylvania	1/						
Total							
<u>DISTRICT IX</u>							
Brunswick	7,440	230	3,580	9,000	285	5,350	
Dinwiddie	1,120	227	530	1,300	284	770	
Greenville	8,810	272	5,000	10,100	330	6,970	
Isle of Wight	1/	-	-	-	-	-	
Mecklenburg	6,420	234	3,140	7,920	275	4,540	
Nansemond	6,720	367	5,140	7,950	349	5,780	
Norfolk	1,430	313	940	1,430	310	920	
Prince George	1/	-	-	-	-	-	
Princess Anne	1/	-	-	-	-	-	
Southampton	13,950	343	9,970	17,600	321	11,770	
Surry	1/	-	-	-	-	-	
Sussex	3,170	272	1,800	4,650	269	2,800	
Total	49,060	294	30,100	59,950	310	38,700	
ALL OTHERS	4,940	281	2,900	7,050	294	4,300	
STATE	54,000	293	33,000	67,000	308	43,000	

1/ Included in "All Other", but not in district totals.

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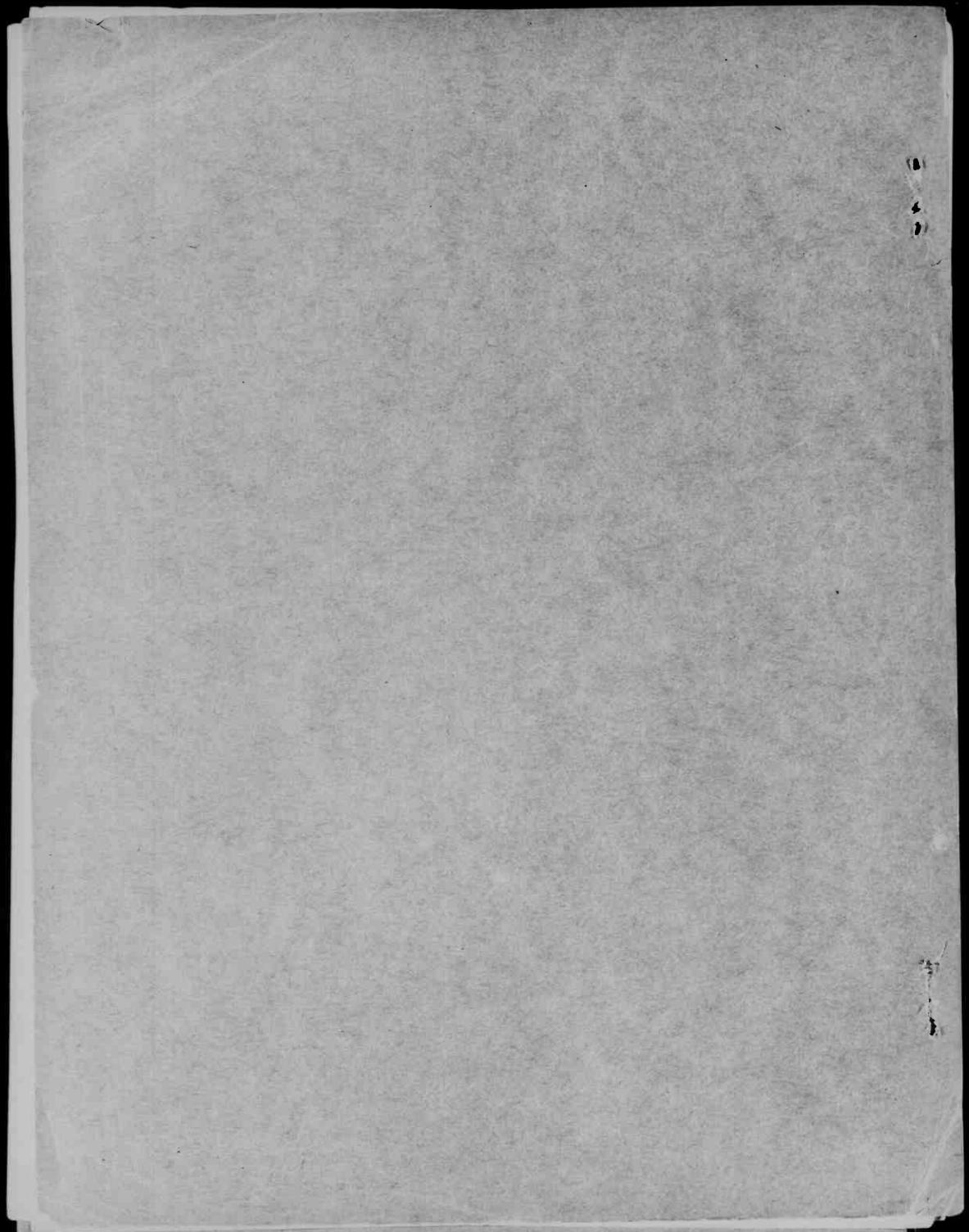
1936

1937  
Preliminary

District and county	Acreage in cultivation July 1			Production 500 lb. gross wt. bales		
	Acres	Pounds	Bales	Acres	Pounds	Bales
<b>DISTRICT V</b>						
Amelia	1					
Chesterfield	1					
Prince Edward	1					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VI</b>						
Middlesex	1					
New Kent	1					
Northampton	1					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT VIII</b>						
Charlotte	1					
Halifax	1					
Lunenburg	1					
Nottoway	1					
Pittsylvania	1					
Total						
<b>DISTRICT IX</b>						
Brunswick	7,440	230	3,580	9,000	285	5,350
Dinwiddie	1,120	227	530	1,300	284	770
Greensville	8,810	272	5,000	10,100	330	6,970
Isle of Wight	1					
Mecklenburg	6,420	234	3,140	7,920	275	4,540
Nansemond	6,720	367	5,140	7,950	349	5,780
Norfolk	1,430	313	940	1,430	310	920
Prince George	1					
Princess Anne	1					
Southampton	13,950	343	9,970	17,600	321	11,770
Surry	1					
Sussex	3,170	272	1,800	4,650	269	2,800
Total	49,060	294	30,100	59,950	310	38,700
ALL OTHERS	4,940	281	2,900	7,050	294	4,300
STATE	54,000	293	33,000	67,000	308	43,000

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